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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the securing of voting
6 rights for citizens in the District
7 of Columbia and providing for their
8 representation in the Congress of the
9 United States.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS Alaskans understand the frustration of citizens of the District
12 of Columbia better than most Americans since, before statehood, Alaska suf-
13 fered for many decades with no voting representation in the Congress of the
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS an historical precedent exists for providing for representation
16 for residents of the District of Columbia as part of an adjacent state in
17 that, for over a decade, citizens residing in the territory now constituting
18 the District of Columbia had the right to vote for Congressional representa-
19 tives in the State of Maryland; and

20 WHEREAS the citizens of the District of Columbia lost this important
21 right through Congressional oversight in the early nineteenth century;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it requests the
23 Congress of the United States to provide for the enfranchisement and repre-
24 sentation of residents of the District of Columbia by apportionment to the
25 State of Maryland for purposes of representation in the United States Con-
26 gress following the 1980 decennial census, thereby providing to residents of
27 the District of Columbia, as citizens of Maryland, the right to participate
28 in the selection of United States senators and representatives.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond,

1 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill,
2 Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted
3 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
4 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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